

DEATH COMES TO OIL KING.

Little Grandchild of John D. Rockefeller Dies of Scarlet Fever at Stand. and Oil Magnate's Country Palace.

The youngest child of Mrs. Harold McCormick and the grandson of John D. Rockefeller, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning of scarlet fever, in the great country palace of the Oil King, at Pocatillo Hills, Westchester.

Two of the McCormick children were ill for some time and the place was naturally under quarantine. The little sufferer received all the skill and attention that wealth could provide, and the richest man in the world often watched by their bedside.

The whole of the great house was filled with anxiety, and Miss Alta Rockefeller, when she returned from Europe, her hearing restored and to become the bride of Parmelee Prentice, of Chicago, was deeply grieved to see her sister's little ones afflicted.

The sick children were the sole thought of the entire household. When Mr. Rockefeller was called to the sick room this morning he realized that he was in the presence of something that all the wealth in the world could not dispel. The child was dying.

The family are shut in with their grief.

The elder boy, about four years old, is getting better, and the physicians say he is out of danger.

The marriage of Miss Alta Rockefeller and Mr. Prentice will be postponed.



MRS. HAROLD MCCORMICK.

M'LAUGHLIN IN A NEW SILK HAT.

Wears It to Police Headquarters in Defiant Mood.

Some time in the latter part of the nineteenth century Chief of Police Devory. In explanation of his transfer of



The Triumphant Entry.

Deputy Chief McLaughlin from Brooklyn to the quietude of Queens County, said: "McLaughlin has never been to Headquarters while I have been Chief. He struts about Brooklyn in a silk hat."



Devery Hears the News.

Laughlin was returned to Brooklyn. The twentieth century has come in since all this happened.

To-day at 11 o'clock Deputy Chief McLaughlin came his shadow over the Union of Headquarters, where Devery is hanging on. A spic and span silk "title" of the twentieth century block was perched on McLaughlin's head.

He went to the paymaster's desk, drew his check and disappeared, while a coterie of "cops" lined up and whistled "Where did you get that hat?"

Devery was not present, but it was said he saw the vision from around the corner.

MESSAGE OF ODELL STIRS THE MACHINE.

Platt's Plan Trampled On and There's Too Much of Economy.

SALIENT POINTS OF GOV. ODELL'S MESSAGE.

- FOR**—A single-headed Police Commission, to be appointed by the Mayor.
- Abolishing of the fee system, which increases the income of county officials.
- Consolidation of several labor commissions as the Department of Labor.
- Rigid economy in all branches of the administration.
- More liberal treatment of corporations, which are being driven out of the State.
- Corrective legislation for every department in the city of New York.
- An employers' liability law or forced insurance of employees.
- Exemption of mortgages from taxation.
- AGAINST**—The State constabulary plan as being valueless.
- The levying of a direct tax for State purposes.
- The consolidation of the Elections Bureau and the Police Department.
- The trial of divorces in secret session of court.
- Divorce except when statutory causes have been clearly proved.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—As the politicians and statesmen here study Gov. Odell's message the feeling grows that the Republican machine is defied and that the new Governor will run his administration himself.

The cold statement that Platt's pet constabulary plan is "valueless" and the recommendation to cut down the big fees which the spoliemen regard

as going with a "fat" office cause cold shivers to the machine leaders.

There is too much economy reform in the message to please partisans of any party. Independents are overjoyed, however, and are asking the question,

"Can Odell keep the pace?"

Gov. Odell's message to the Legislature will be found on Page 2.

NOTED BROTHERS END FEUD.

Mercediths, Brooklyn Clergymen, Have New Year Reconciliation.

The new century brought a reconciliation of two brothers prominent in the public life of Brooklyn, the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Mercedith, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, and the Rev. Richard Mercedith, in charge of the Park Avenue Branch.

About six months ago there was a serious rupture over the pastorate of the branch. The Rev. Richard Mercedith resigned, it being claimed by him that he was forced out being claimed by him that he was forced out of this office. In the meantime Dr. Robert Mercedith maintained an absolute silence.

His brother's resignation was accepted and the Rev. Richard Mercedith started on a trip around the world, from which he has just recently returned.

The brothers met on Monday evening. The Rev. Richard Mercedith was accompanied to the home of his brother, Robert, by Robert MacFarland, one of the officers of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church. The former assistant pastor greeted the pastor courteously and after a few minutes' conversation the past was buried.

ALL CLEARING-HOUSE RECORDS DISTANCED.

Exchanges Handled During Day Amounted to \$427,903,000.

The Clearing-House exchanges to-day amounted to the enormous figure of \$427,903,000, breaking all records. It was the result of the heaviest interest payment in many years.

The previous high record was reached Thursday last, when the day's exchanges aggregated \$39,013,290, compared with \$33,508,026 on November 20, and \$32,882,666 on April 11, 1899.

The enormous exchanges to-day were financed, however, with the transfer of only \$16,314,000 in actual cash balances, which were paid over at the Clearing-House by 2 o'clock. Most of the indebtedness was discharged by the payment of \$5,000 and \$10,000 Clearing-House and Government gold certificates.

While most of the dividends belonging to out-of-town shareholders will be collected by country correspondents of local banks, it was learned to-day that several millionaires at points distant from New York had arranged to have New York banks collect their coupons direct, without having them pass through interior banks.

A dollar of one of the largest banks estimated that 25 per cent. of to-day's periodical disbursements would remain in the city after the shifting about process had been accomplished.

It was believed in banking circles that \$100,000,000 in dividends and interest payments of all sorts will represent the various disbursements to-day.

15 COMMITTEE WILL NOT ACT WITH TAMMANY.

After the meeting of the Committee of Fifteen this afternoon Charles Stewart Smith said: "This Committee will not co-operate with many investigators. They may go their way. We will go ours."

It was decided to appoint an agent and corps of investigators. Col. Ehrhardt was appointed to select the force.

Charles Sprague Smith was designated to find what other bodies aside from the Tammany committee would co-operate. The Committee on Legislation was told to report at the next meeting any suggestions for an amendment to the Charter Commission's report.

It was decided to have Assistant District Attorney William A. Smith at future meetings.

POLICE BOARD SPLIT OVER PROMOTIONS.

It leaked out at Police Headquarters this afternoon that some members of the Police Board has asked the Civil-Service Commission for the names of roundsmen eligible for promotion. This makes a list of 112 eligible for the forty-two vacant serenoships. There appears to be some trouble in the Board over the eighty-two originally submitted. President York said he had not asked for the names.

SHOT WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 2.—Provided at what had been prepared for the midday meal, Mrs. Ache shot his wife twice this afternoon and then sent a bullet into his stomach. Mrs. Ache was shot first over the heart, the second shot entering her back. She will die. Ache confessed to the shooting and asked the surgeons to let him die. The couple have been married twenty-five years and have three sons. Ache made a reputation in 1878 when he was a crack picher of the Postons.

KIDNAPPER CROWE IS NOT CAPTURED.

When the Associated Press despatch announcing the capture of Kidnapper Crowe was received, The Evening World telegraphed to E. A. Cudahy asking him to confirm it. The following answer came this afternoon:

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 2.

The arrest of Pat Crowe has not been confirmed. E. A. CUDAHY.

The Evening World also telegraphed to J. W. Carter, City Marshal of Chadron, asking if the report was true, and received the following reply this afternoon:

CHADRON, Neb., Jan. 2.—No truth in the report that "Pat" Crowe, the abductor of Millionaire Cudahy's boy, has been captured in this vicinity. Several days ago detectives from Omaha rushed here to the Pine Ridge country, where they organized a posse and captured a man whom they first supposed was Crowe. The prisoner turned out to be R. G. Dennis, of Boston, an innocent seeker after Indian curiosities. He promptly was released. The crestfallen detectives are returning to Omaha.

OMAHA, Jan. 2.—Eddie Cudahy failed today to identify J. J. Crowe, brother of "Pat" Crowe, as one of his kidnapers. He will be released.

CROWE NOT ON MICHIGAN.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 2.—The report that "Pat" Crowe, the alleged kidnapper, was a passenger on board the British steamer Michigan, which left Boston Dec. 22 for this port, arriving here to-day, seems to be untrue.

The Michigan carried no passengers, but, in addition to her crew she had on board a number of cattlemen. None of these would acknowledge himself as Crowe, and as the Liverpool police had not been notified of the expected arrival of the suspected man, they did not examine the cattlemen.

MAN STABBED; WOMAN HELD.

Alfred Roe, of 116 High street, Brooklyn, is in the Brooklyn Hospital suffering from severe stab wounds in the abdomen and neck.

Mrs. Annie Eagan, who occupies the flat above that in which Roe lives, was arrested this afternoon and held in the Adams street station charged with doing the stabbing.

Roe says that Mrs. Eagan cut him during a quarrel while her furniture was being moved out. His wife, Mrs. Mary Roe, tells the same story.

Mrs. Eagan, who is thirty years old, says that this morning she sent for her brother, Edward Eagan, to help her move her furniture. While they were at work the Eagan quarrel with them. A fight followed. Roe was stabbed with a table knife. Roe was stabbed with a table knife. Roe was stabbed with a table knife. Roe was stabbed with a table knife.

The bloody knife was found in the hall. Mrs. Roe says it is not her property.

Mrs. Eagan will be arraigned in the Adams street Court to-morrow.

CONGRESSMAN IS BETTER.

Thomas J. Bradley Improved in Bellevue Hospital To-day.

Congressman Thomas J. Bradley, who was picked up unconscious yesterday on the Bowery, suffering from alcoholism and taken to the alcoholic ward in Bellevue Hospital, was greatly surprised when he awoke to-day to find out where he was.

Bradley's aged father called to see him to-day and he wept when he saw his son.

Many of Congressman Bradley's friends called at the hospital to-day. They said they would remove him this afternoon. Bradley's condition is much improved.

J. H. BRESLIN HAS GRIP.

Ill for Week, but Doctor Says He is Out of Danger.

James H. Breslin, formerly proprietor of the Dilsey House and one of the best-known hotel men in the country, is suffering from grip at the Plaza Hotel, where he is stopping with his daughter.

He became ill a week ago. His physician said to-day that he was out of danger, and would probably be about within the next week.

THE QUEEN GOING TO FRANCE.

Victoria Will Visit Cliches Next March or April.

OSBORNE, Isle of Wight, Jan. 2.—It is officially announced that Queen Victoria has decided, unless something unforeseen happens, to visit Cliches, in the south of France, in March or April.

The Queen will be accompanied by the Duke of Devonshire and the Duke of Cambridge.

The Business Man appreciates the rapid schedule, the convenience of the New York Pennsylvania Railroad.

SHOT HERSELF WOMAN SAYS



LOUISE PFIRSIG.

NIXON WOULD INDICT CAPTAINS

The New Grand Jury Will Be Asked to Act.

The incoming Grand Jury will be asked to take a hand in the crusade for the purification of the city. A great deal of evidence in regard to the failure on the part of the police in many sections to close by gambling-houses has been collected by the Tammany Investigation Committee.

This evidence will be laid before the Grand Jury and indictments asked for against delinquent police officials.

District-Attorney Philbin announced late this afternoon that he had instructed Assistant District-Attorney Schurman to confer with the Tammany Committee and the Committee of Fifteen and take evidence for the purpose of placing it before the Grand Jury and prosecuting the men indicted vigorously.

The District-Attorney says that he will add Mr. Schurman personally when the time comes for indictments and trials.

Warley Platzek, a member of the Tammany Hall Vice Committee, called to-day on the new District-Attorney and was in conference with him for fifteen minutes. Mr. Platzek said that he had only called to congratulate Mr. Philbin. The uniting of forces of the Committee of Fifteen and the Tammany investigators may come in for some discussion at the meeting to-day.

Charles Stewart Smith, who questioned the District-Attorney at first was disinclined to treat the matter seriously, but finally admitted that something might be announced concerning it at the close of the meeting.

PHILBIN'S AXE SWINGS AGAIN.

Removes Assistant McClelland and Makes Two Appointments.

District-Attorney Philbin this afternoon accepted the resignation of James D. McClelland, an assistant district-attorney, at \$7,500 a year salary, and immediately appointed John J. Delaney in his place.

John J. Delaney, the new appointee, was formerly a deputy assistant to the Corporation Counsel. He is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier's College, and thirty-nine years old.

He also appointed Francis P. Yarkin, now in Col. James's law office, a deputy assistant, at a salary not yet determined, and informed Assistants J. J. Blake and James J. Walsh that they could remain. They each receive \$7,500 a year.

Mr. Philbin this morning found a number of visitors awaiting him at his office. Among them were his newly appointed assistants, Franklin Pierce, George W. Schurman and Howard S. Davis.

Accompanied by Mr. Philbin, the three went before Judge Foster, in General Sessions, he took the oath of office.

Another visitor to Mr. Philbin's office was Vernon M. Davis, the new President of the S. P. C. C. Mr. Davis called in reference to several children's cases now pending in the criminal courts.

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A Table Knife Inflicted Severe Wounds on Roe.

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STEAMER IVYDENE WRECKED

Terrible Experiences of the Crew Who Were Saved in the Bunt.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Jan. 2.—The British steamer Ivydene, Capt. Milburn, from Hamburg, Dec. 15, for Wilmington, N. C., went ashore during a snowstorm last night at La Manche, and is likely to be a total loss.

They were safe, but they met with a frightful experience in the open boats. No details of the disaster have yet been learned.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c. See

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday for New York City and vicinity—Fair and cold weather to-night and Thursday; fresh westerly winds.

BOARD ANSWERS KELLER.

Prepare Document to Go to Commissioner This Evening.

The monthly meeting of the Medical Board of Bellevue Hospital was held today, twenty-eight out of the thirty-two members being present.

The object of the meeting was to consider a letter sent the Board a few days ago by Commissioner Keller, in which the Commissioner made inquiries about the hospital's affairs.

Dr. Alexander Lambert, Secretary of the Board, said the meeting was held in the afternoon and reduced to writing. The document will be sent to Keller at the New Amsterdam Hotel this evening.

No Trusting to Chance
The electric automobile signal system of the Pennsylvania Railroad presents an amazing record.

But Two Men Are Held by the Police for the Mysterious Wounding of Mrs. Pfirsig in Her Home.

Mrs. Louise Pfirsig, a pretty, well-dressed young woman, who was admitted to the Presbyterian Hospital last night under the name of Mrs. Herman Braun, after telling that a young woman had inflicted the bullet wound in her breast, at last confessed to the police this afternoon that she accidentally shot herself with a revolver belonging to Valentine Wiltzer, a wealthy dealer in furs, whom it developed was the man who took her to the hospital, and who, she said, was her brother. He was arrested this afternoon, and in the Harem Court held in \$250.

The case is surrounded with mystery, and such have been the contradictions of all concerned that the husband of the woman, Herman Pfirsig, was arrested late this afternoon and lodged in the East One Hundred and Fourth street station.

The Pfirsigs live at 317 East Eighty-third street. Wiltzer called on her yesterday, she said, and pulling a revolver from his pocket, laid it on the table. She asked whether it was loaded. He said no.

Mrs. Pfirsig said she took it up and jokingly told him she was going to kill herself. She declares he said "Go ahead; it's not loaded!" She placed the weapon to her breast and pulled the trigger. The bullet, the only one in the weapon, pierced her breast.

The police are inclined to discredit this story, as they did the first one she told. "I am Mrs. Braun, of 110 Park avenue. I was shot, but it is nobody's business how it happened."

That is what Mrs. Pfirsig told the doctors and the police.

"Her Brother" Arrested.
Her identity might not have been discovered for days had not her "brother" returned to the hospital this afternoon, where he was arrested by Detective MacAvoy. He was accompanied by a twelve-year-old girl, who he said was his daughter.

Detective MacAvoy took the man to the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, where he described himself as Valentine Wiltzer, a dealer in furs, at 35 East Eighty-first street and living with his family consisting of his wife and the young girl who accompanied him to the hospital, at 301 East Eighty-third street. He is ready, Wiltzer seemed much perturbed as he told of his connection with Mrs. Pfirsig, and said he had a warrant for his arrest, and that he would not be home for a day or so.

"I am Mrs. Pfirsig and told him about what his wife wanted me to do and he did not know she was shot."